THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.8263 OF 1994

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the alleged action of the respondents 3 and 4 in interfering with the activities of the petitioner-firm, including printing, publication and marketing of books, as arbitrary and illegal.

The petitioner, who claims to be a publisher of books and other materials, alleged that though they have been carrying on the said business for a long time in accordance with law, the respondents 3 and 4 - police officials, have been interfering with the day to day business affairs of the petitioner-Firm without there being any justifiable reason.

In response to the *Rule nisi* ordered, the 4th respondent-Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada, filed a counter affidavit denying the alleged interference with the business and stating that as a matter of fact, the petitioner-firm is not existing. It is further explained that the Commissioner of Police and his staff filed 20 cases against certain publishers for violating the provisions of the Copy Right Act and that the present writ petition is filed to escape from the proceedings initiated by police.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

It is not in dispute that the petitioner is bound to follow the provisions of the Copy Right Act and other relevant statutes governing the printing and publication of books. In case there is any violation of such statutory provisions, it is always open to the respondents to take appropriate steps following due process of law.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on rival claims, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to interfere with the day to day affairs of the petitioner-firm without

following due process of law. No costs.

(G. ROHINI).

5th February, 2007.
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Between:

M/s Anantha Padmanabha (A P) Publishers
represented by its Partner Sri Y. Venkateswar Rao. ..
Petitioner.

And

Government of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its
Secretary, Education Department, A.P. Secretariat,
Hyderabad and others. .. Respondents.